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Honorable Lionel H. Olmer  
The Under Secretary for  
International Trade  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D. C. 20230

Dear Lionel:

I have further reviewed your request of 15 March 1982 for Intelligence Community assistance to review the Department of Defense Militarily Critical Technologies List (MCTL). Members of my Technology Transfer Assessment Center also have held discussions with Bo Denysyk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, on this matter.

Their deliberations have somewhat narrowed the scope of your original request to a review of the current MCTL to determine those technologies that are also critical to the USSR and its Warsaw Pact allies. Because the MCTL is primarily a DOD-lead effort, I have asked [redacted] Assistant Vice Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence, DIA, to undertake this assessment. They will, of course, coordinate their findings with appropriate counterparts in the Intelligence Community.

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I am certain that their endeavors will be useful to you in providing arguments to those Western critics who are skeptical of the utility of our controls and of the need to strengthen enforcement to prevent further technology losses.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Lt.Gen. James A. Williams, Director, DIA  
[redacted], DIA

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SUBJECT: Support to Commerce on the Militarily  
Critical Technologies List (MCTL)

Following discussions with Lionel Olmer's people, we narrowed the scope of their original request to a review of the importance of the Department of Defense MCTL items to the USSR and Eastern Europe. Because of the Defense lead in this area, and the limitation of analytic resources in the DDI to conduct such a review, we have asked and received DIA's concurrence to undertake this task. We and others in the Intelligence Community will, of course, coordinate their findings.

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